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FROM THE WIZARD'S MOUTH:

Circulation is a little down, but that's okay with me. Too many subbers spoil the zine (?). So here we are again, and I'm trying to write my opening monologue. Now I know how Johnny Carson feels! Uh, gee that joke went over real well. Hal is in the shop being repaired right now. I'm sitting on my friend's computer typing this and playing Risk at the same time. I'll keep you updated on how I'm doing. Right now I own South America. The tape player is playing The Who Who's Next album. The song currently playing is "Baba O'Riley".

This is the special Valentine's Day Issue and Birthday Issue combined. It will be published sometime after the 14th and before the 19th. I received in the mail today my draft notice. Does this make me a "man"? I'm old enough to fight for my country, old enough to drive, but I'm not old enough to drink. Not that I'm for 17-year-olds drinking. I'm strongly against it as a matter of fact. I think perhaps the driving and draft age should be raised. Maybe not though, I feel fairly competent and could probably hold my own in a battle as a soldier. Not that I would want to. Anyway, I'm going to register next week probably.

I just got eliminated from the Risk game. Rats.

Back to the draft. I feel that I personally am old enough to fight as well as hold my liquor (although I wouldn't drink). I'm not so sure about some of my peers (agewise). Anyway, by the time you get this, Bonzo will have declared war on Syria. He was just waiting for me to turn 18. Why? To spite me!

Report cards came yesterday. Got five A's and one B. Not bad, eh? So far this year I have nine A's and three B's all together. This was essential, as these grades might make the difference between getting into certain colleges or not. I'll find out which schools accepted me and which didn't in mid-April.

Remember that Calendar project? Well, it didn't exactly work out. So what I'm doing is compiling the information I received about upcoming FTF events, which I will print this issue. I'm also sending copies to other publishers to print if they wish.

This last weekend I went down to WoodyCon with Kathy Byrne and John Caruso. There were about 15 people in all attending. I played in one game of Regular Dip as Germany and got blown away by Arnavoodian and Byrne (France and England). What do I have in common with Michael Jackson? We've both been recently Byrned! What's the difference between Michael Jackson and Richard Pryor? One does Coke and the other does Pepsi! Sorry, I couldn't resist! Thanks for having us Woody, you're not bad for an SMA (that's simple-minded envelope for the uninitiated).

LATE BREAKING NEWS: I have just been accepted at SUNY-StonyBrook. This was my "safe school", which means, obviously, that I am now "safe".

CONJURING UP THE ISSUE

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There are no game openings currently, nor will there be any for a year or so.

Stand-by list for regular Diplomacy: Jung, Ellis, Haken, Murray, Quirk, Makuc, Ansoff, Corbin, Anderson, Corber, Dancause, Frueh & Felella.

Stand-by list for Variants: Scheifler, Anderson, Kellie, Quirk, Dancause, Makuc, Chisholm & Felelia.

Stand-by list for Kingmaker: Jack Brawner. Any more?

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Play-list: Jethro Tull's Equality and Thick_as_a_Brick (both excellent!); Simon and Garfunkel's Wednesday_Morning_3_AM and Parsley_Sage_Rosemary_and_Linen; The Beatles' White_Album and Rock_N_Roll_Music!; The Who's Who's_Next? and Tommy. Good stuff here.

Read-list: Joseph Heller's Catch_22. Hilarious!

what it really was until I was selected for the squad." The Untouchables are the cheerleaders of the Washington Federals of the USFL and Woody is their newest member.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL GAMES IS FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 1984

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING SOME FACE-TO-FACE DIPLOMACY GET-TOGETHERS: Then you may have come to the right place. Unfortunately, I did not receive enough announcements to make a calendar worthwhile. But the following is a list of people who commonly run FTF get-togethers, as well as a few events I am already aware of.

EAST COAST:

MaryCon '84: June 2-3 at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, VA. For details, write: Marycon '84 Department of History, Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

EdCon: April 1-2, Sunday, noon. Ed Weibel's annual adventure into total war games. Negotiations needed. Contact Ed at: PO Box 3464, Arlington, VA 22207 for details.

Costume Diplomacy: October 27 at noon. Celebrate Halloween. Player must be costumed. Contact Ed Weibel (address above). Ed publishes FOULPLAY, which gives information about many FTF events around the East Coast but mostly in the Maryland-Virginia area.

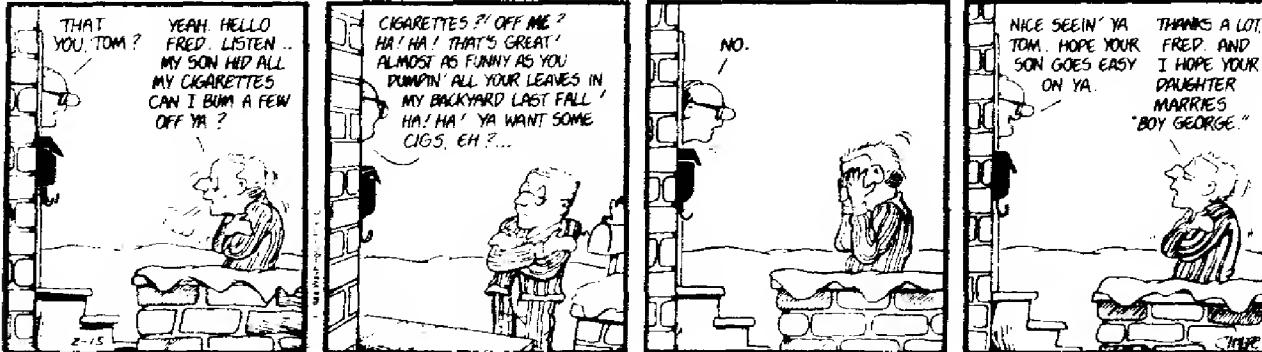
Berserk! These get-togethers are held 2-3 times a year, at the home of John Gargano and Kathy Burke, 160-02 43rd Avenue, 2nd Floor, Flushing, NY, 11358. There will almost definitely be 1 over the Thanksgiving vacation and 1 at New Years, but there may be others depending the course of the year. Contact them for details.

Playland: This is held once the school vacation, hosted by Bruce Lissner, 22 featured, Drury, Apt 3A, Duluth, MN, 55126. Contact him if you are interested in attending next year.

Gordonlast: I have received no information about Gordon last this year, but I'm pretty sure that it will be held sometime in spring or July. (Address above) may have more information for next year as we are four months as I will probably be attending. John Boersdorfer runs the Diplomacy tournament every year. His address is 234 First Street, Brooklyn, NY, 11226.

Lanigan: Hosted by Eric Koenig, 109 High Lane, Great Neck, NY, 11021. This will be held sometime between late June or early August, and will feature Dipex Civilization, Paul Barron, Diplomacy, Diplomates, and the soon-to-become annual Dipstrip to Jones Beach.

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MIDWEST:

Madcon: Contact Mark Frisch for details, 1017 Flinton St., Apt. B-204 Madison WI, 53703. I believe the next one is better for the weekend.

RusnakCon: The Byrnecoon of the midwest. Held second or third year at the home of Russ Rusnak, 8002 S. Maple, Burnside, IL, 60527.

Budgecon: Another annual event threatening to become THE major trip get-together of them all. Labor Day weekend is the next scheduled date. Contact Bob-Bob Olson, 5818 Winterberry Circle, Wichita, KS, 67226.

DipCon/Origins_184: June 21-24. The biggest. Held in Dallas this year. Members of this year's committee are Al Pearson, Ed Wrobel and Patrick Conlon. Al is the chairman and his address is P.O. Box 398, Charles Town, WV, 25414.

WEST COAST:

Peericon: Held by Larry Peery (who else?). The next one I believe is scheduled for some time in late July. Larry's address is: P.O. Box 8416, San Diego, CA, 92102. Larry will also almost definitely have information for you about other Southern California get-togethers such as Mastodoncon and St. Valentine's Day Massacre Con.

DafCon: The New Years' Byrnecoon alternative. Hosted by Steve Langley and Daf Langley every New Years' Eve. 4112 Boone Lane, Sacramento, CA, 95821.

SlugCon: I don't know anything about it, except that it is held by Terry Tallman in Seattle. His address is: 1220 W. Armour St., Seattle, WA, 98119.

LepreCon: March 16-18, 1984. Contact Joan Extröm or Ken Corbin: Rt. 1, Box 268, Philomath OR, 97370. (503) 929-3223.

"Con_of_the_Barbarians" October 13-14. Write to Ed Menders, 817 W. Micheltorena #C, Santa Barbara, CA, 93101.

Also, another person to contact in regard to FTF events is Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbriar, CA 94904. He might have information concerning coming get-togethers other than Dippy ones.

There, that ought to keep you people busy for a year or three. Next year, I will try to put all of this into a prettier format, and hopefully it will have more dates to list. I hope you find this list helpful.

SCROLLS, SPELLS AND OTHER LETTERS

From Mark Lanzelere - New Carrollton, MD:

Actually, I did want to chip in something in your discussion of religion.

People will turn to some form of religion as long as there are things which cannot be explained by science or in any other way. This is just human nature - our natural curiosity makes us demand answers to everything we perceive.

And science today does not have all the answers. We can trace our universe to a Big Bang, but we can't say why the Big Bang took place. We can divide matter down into protons or quarks, but we can't say why these came to be the smallest unit of matter.

Science may someday answer the deeper questions, but people need some kind of explanation in the meantime. Religion provides these explanations. Even Carl Sagan ended up quoting from an Indian religious text while discussing (in his *Cosmos* series) possible explanations of an expanding and contracting universe.

To say "Down with religion" is like saying "Down with human nature". We'll always have some kind of religion. Even if you just say, "Science will someday have all the answers", this is also a leap to faith. How can we know that the universe consists only of things that are discoverable and explainable by the scientific method?

But then again, any religious explanation that turns out to be true will have to be included as "science". If you ask where science ends and religion begins, the best answer I've heard is that science tells you "what", "where", "when" and "how", while religion tells you "why" and "who".

((Well put. I agree with just about everything you said. Down with Human Nature? Not a bad idea. Look where it has gotten us so far.))

From Steve Langley - Sacramento CA:

This double issue business is getting out of hand. Perhaps if you dropped the games.

I bow to your superior debating skills. Answering my "science is a religion arguments" with "It's not true." was masterful. Then to go on and admit that you do accept a lot of "science" on "faith" wasn't truly inconsistent, only a show of generosity to a crushed opponent. Bravo!

So someone published an article that says The Shroud of Turin was a hoax. Stupid scientists to still be examining the thing. Don't they realize that someone has already demonstrated to his own, and Fred Davis' and Eric Kane's satisfaction that it is a hoax? And Kane doesn't even know any more about the subject than he has typed into Anduin. If Kane is satisfied with that kind of evidence then it seems a waste of lots of scientific effort to continue with the examination, huh?

((Very funny. I applaud your effort to take something which was well nigh irrefutable and twist it into that second paragraph of

yours. Too bad you don't have any facts to back up your arguments, eh? If you really believe what you said, then you are more narrow-minded than I had believed. Your ability to block out parts of what I said last issue is simply amazing. I regret overestimating you!))

From Scott Cameron - Hicksville NY:

I generally agree with your comments on my letter but I must disagree, in part, with your view that people are "inherently ignorant". Ignorance (& informedness) are acquired traits. A person is born average & becomes, as a result of his own efforts or lack thereof, either ignorant or knowledgeable. I would certainly agree though that the average person is too willing to be ignorant. Most people seem to be quite content to be treated like cattle & go mooing along whatever fate the more ambitious types have set out for them. I think the main thing I'm disagreeing with you on is the idea that people can be "inherently" anything. Besides the fact that I think it's simply wrong, the theory fails logically as well. If people are inherently evil then you are evil too &, therefore, cannot pass judgement on the "evil" acts of others since you, being evil, should see nothing wrong with them.

((You must understand that any statement I make about the human condition simply doesn't apply to me. In other words, 17-year olds shouldn't be allowed to drink and drive but I should; people are inherently evil but I'm not; etc. Seriously, what our forefathers said 200 years ago wasn't exactly true. : "We are all created equal"? I doubt it. And incidentally, you say that ignorance is an acquired trait. I think it is an acquired taste. With that note the religious discussion comes pretty much to a close. Maybe a few more stray remarks might make their way into these pages occasionally. We'll see. I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to the discussion (even you Langley), I have learned a lot from it, and I think it has been interesting.))

More Cameron:

I'd like to add an Amen (in a non-religious sense) to your smoking editorial. I didn't mention it at the time, but I was very pleasantly surprised at your no-smoking rule and your enforcement of it at KaneCon. I have a minor, chronic lung condition which acts up in the presence of cigarette smoke & had expected something like the average chess tournament with 20 or so people crammed into a small room filled with cigarette smoke. It was nice to be able to spend the weekend playing Dip & not coughing & wheezing. I disagree with your expressed position on suicide though. If someone wants to commit suicide then I'd say that it's his body and if he wants to destroy it it's his affair. Just as it's OK with me if someone wants to smoke as long as it's not around me, it's also OK if someone wants to jump off of a building just so long as he doesn't land on anybody. ((Yeah, but who's going to clean the mess up?))

Finally, if you find people getting tired of the religious discussion, why not write an insulting editorial about people who

believe in the Bermuda Triangle, Bigfoot, parapsychology, etc. They're just as irrational as the religious types and can be more fun to attack.

((You mean there is no Bigfoot? I'm crushed.))

From Steve Knight - Reston VA:

I agree with you 100% on smoking. One of the things I really miss since moving to Virginia is Minnesota's Clean Air Act, wherein smoking is by default illegal in public places, and restaurants and the like are required to have non-smoking sections. Fortunately, only four people at my job smoke, so I don't have to deal with it ~~too~~ much... .

((In Nassau County (here) there is a similiar type of law. Unfortunately it is not obeyed and it is not enforced. Still, I'm quick to point out the law to offenders.))

From Ed Wrobel - Arlington VA:

Your editorial on smoking was quite a piece of work. I found it mildly alarmist in places but moderate in other places. As you point out, people take risks every day. For example, I, myself, was at substantial risk driving through New Jersey, Staten Island and Long Island to reach Kamelot last August. I would have been much safer staying home and smoking a pack of cigarettes a day for 3 days (as long as I did not continue for several years). What is a necessary or unnecessary risk is a subjective judgement. I do not smoke, never have, and generally find tobacco smoke obnoxious. I am fortunate to work in a room with non-smokers. (Thank goodness for Joe Califano, god rest his secretaryship...) Like you, I object to having my air polluted (though I do it every day commuting to and from work). Certainly, smoking should not be outlawed - this is a free country - but it should be regulated to limit its adverse effects on non-smokers. One obvious way is the provision of smoke-free public places, such as sections in restaurants, workrooms, and so forth. There is also a "hidden cost" to non-smokers in the form of increased utilization of health care facilities by smokers. This means less doctor and hospital time for non-smokers and higher health insurance costs for everybody. Many urban general hospitals must turn away patients who cannot pay. Less illness in society in general would mean greater resources available to care for the indigent. A hospital may make a handsome profit doing cardiac bypass surgery on a well-insured smoker - but somebody pays: the insurance company and everybody who pays insurance premiums. Smokers should pay higher premiums and the federal excise tax on cigarettes should be maintained at a high level and used to provide relief to those hospitals providing care to the poor.

Regarding the risks involved with smoking: smokers are at much higher risk for heart and lung disease but not all smokers develop these diseases, and many non-smokers do. Eating meat two or three times a day may play a substantial role in the development of heart disease and certain cancers of the

gastro-intestinal tract. And, of course, there's lack of exercise, breathing city air and living on toxic waste dumpsites. Oh - and driving to Fanehorn. You pay your money and you take your chances. Don't be too moralistic about smokers - as long as they pay their fair share.

((Yes, but your driving to Fanehorn causes no risk for me (unless I stab you in a game and you get angry!), whereas your smoking may be potentially harmful to me. I don't know, smoking just strikes me as one of man's stupider customs.))

From Steve Langley - Sacramento CA:

Smoking, along with all the other medical effects also statistically shortens the smokers lifespan. What is really worse (in our youth-oriented culture) is that it makes the skin age more rapidly than non-smoking. So far I've not read that such aging is proven medically harmful, but constant smokers not only die before their turn, they look older than their years. Sorry, it is a cumulative effect. A youth who smokes still looks immature. A person of thirty who smokes and has done so heavily since the teen years may often pass for thirty five.

If age and appearance of youth are accepted goals. Vegetarianism (balanced diets, of course...it can be done) seems to be the healthiest choice to make. Statistically, vegetarians in their late thirties and forties have the average appearance of thirty year olds - unless they smoke or overindulge or abstain, of course.

So many different choices. Perhaps you don't choose to be a vegetarian (perhaps you do, in which case pick someone else to be my hypothetical example) because you feel fine just as you are right now and you like a bit of meat in your life to make life interesting. Some people smoke with the same rationale.

((If they do, they are fools and are using a silly defence mechanism. Eating meat can be beneficial, though the ultra high concentration of cholesterol may not be great for you. On the other hand, if you exercise and stay in shape, you can probably afford this without too much risk, or too large a loss in years of your life. Again, over-indulgence can be very dangerous just as with anything else. The difference between smoking and meat consumption is that smoking damage is permanent. You aren't the only one to use this as an example though.))

From Rod Walker - Encinitas CA:

Smoking. I don't, never have, and I find the abuse of the habit in public places obvious. The anti-tobacco campaign is perfectly all right with me, so long as it stays within limits and does not attempt to prohibit the drug (and tobacco is a drug, like marijuana).

((Really? What are its medicinal uses?))

((I did some hefty cutting in the last few letters because I wanted to see what the LC would look like if I divided it into sections by topics. The next section I find quite amusing. Without further adieu, let us see why being editor is sometimes hard...))

Steve Langley: Eric, H₂O (That's water) is a better solvent than alcohol. It is a more universal solvent at least. What basis do you have for your "Take a drink and dissolve a brain cell" theory? Quite a bit of medical research into the effect of alcohol on the human body has gone on over the past few years. We actually know things from experimental data. We no longer have to accept dogma about alcohol being totally bad for us. In experimental fact, a small daily dose is beneficial. If you accept longer life as a benefit. Overuse of alcohol is not beneficial. Total abstinence is better than over indulgence but it is not as healthy as a small glass of wine with dinner.

Dick Martin: Ah, Eric, where do you get some of your ideas? Alcohol dissolves brain cells? It didn't when I was taking Cellular Biology. Yes, alcohol is an organic solvent, but that doesn't mean it dissolves organs! More properly, it is a poison. Also, studies have shown that moderate drinkers of red wines tend to live longer (I'm not exactly sure what they live longer than, but I think it's the regular population. This was in Science News a few years back if anybody feels a need to check.). I would be very hesitant to say that red wine prolongs life, however. There may not be a causal relationship.

Rod Walker: Alcohol. Abuse is one thing, and one can abuse almost any ingestible substance. So what? The notion that alcohol is a "poison" is nonsense. In large enough quantities it is, of course. So is arsenic. But arsenic is also prescribed specifically as a medicine on occasion. In appropriate quantities, the ingestion of alcohol is good for the average person; it is a relaxant and depressant and a marvelous aid to winding down and going to sleep. "Wine for the afflicted heart" says the Song of Solomon, as I recall. A slice of bacon is more dangerous to your health than a glass of wine.

Alcoholism is another matter entirely. That's a disease. It results from certain small but crucial alterations in the body chemistry and metabolism. Nobody knows why these occur in some individuals and not in others. Once they happen, though, they are (for the present) irreversible. An alcoholic can never consume alcohol again. A normal person can have a normal drink without any ill effects whatever. Winston Churchill drank like a fish his whole life. I didn't notice his brain cells dissolving. (By the way, what medical study are you quoting about alcohol dissolving brain cells, for Chrissakes???) If you drop biotic tissue into alcohol, it gets pickled, not dissolved. Water is a far better solvent than alcohol, and we're all 2/3 water; I don't notice anybody dissolving because of that. Oil is also a solvent and we're full of oils and fats...nothing dissolving there either. An over-abundance of alcohol in the bloodstream will in fact kill

brain cells by pickling them, but the notion that alcohol dissolves brain cells is much the most fantastic notion I've heard in ages. Do, please, quote me an accepted medical study by a reliable institution, please.)

Mark Bercht: On page 21, you say that alcohol is a solvent and when it gets into your bloodstream and gets to your brain, brain cells are dissolved. An old chemist like me can't let that go by. That's elementary school science, and it's not even remotely true.

Yes, alcohol is a solvent. So is water. Neither one of them dissolves brain cells. Even in dead-drunk concentrations, blood with alcohol in it is no better "solvent" than is blood without alcohol.

In fact, in the concentrations in which it is normally consumed--even straight vodka--alcohol has no discernible effect on the body at first blush. The problem is, the body quickly oxidizes alcohol to acetaldehyde, and that is a killer.

The ability of alcohol to destroy brain cells is a very murky subject, and its real importance is a dubious matter. Lots of things destroy brain cells, and we have a fantastic excess of them. If you want to talk tissue damage, cirrhosis of the liver is a much better case. The disease is irreversible, and by the time it's discovered, it is usually fatal. Almost the only way you can get it is excess booze. Excess booze can also devastate the circulatory system and weaken the heart. Brain damage is less predictable, but it can cause mental illness. It is addictive, meaning you have to go thru withdrawal if you are a heavy drinker, and alcohol withdrawal is more dangerous than heroin withdrawal.

Light or social drinking is a much more debatable area. There is no real evidence that significant medical problems result from this in most people. Each drink may kill a few liver cells, but a few drinks a week over a lifetime don't appear to add up to anything at all. The problems associated with social drinking are, in a word, social. And of course, people who develop drinking problems normally go thru a social drinking phase. If you don't go thru that, you'll never become a problem drinker. I don't mean by this letter to minimize anything. Alcohol is the number one drug problem, both in this society and worldwide, and is the leading cause of accidental deaths.

Ed Wrobel: Your comment about alcohol being a solvent which dissolves brain cells strikes me as an inaccurate. I have seen computerized tomography ("CAT") brain scans of alcoholics. Shrinkage of the brain does occur but is largely reversed with a period of prolonged abstinence. Alcohol is metabolized in the digestive system--actually used as fuel by the liver (which, if overdone, leads to excessive fat deposits in that organ). Alcohol lowers the cholesterol level in the blood (alcoholics always have low blood cholesterol levels) and studies have shown that moderate consumption (say, about two drinks per day) decreases the risk of heart disease in many people, especially those with a diet rich in fat, like most Americans eat.

Also at a higher risk of heart disease are individuals with so-called "Type A" behavior patterns. Such individuals are overly ambitious, rigid in their thinking, conformist, and unable to

tolerate those who refuse to accept the same value system. You may wish to have a paramedic available if a certain houserule writer attends your next Kanekon.

Bruce Linsey: If the only thing wrong with alcohol is that it destroys brain cells, then I don't think I have much to lose by drinking.

((Well, Bruce pretty much summed it up there...))

SHEESH! I make one little mistake, bury it in the middle of Linsey's long-winded letter, and you guys still find it and plaster me to the wall!! Alright I was wrong and I'll be more careful about opening my mouth in the future before checking to make sure my foot isn't about to be inserted. In a way I appreciate having you detectives as subbers, keep it up.))

((We now return you to your regularly scheduled program....))

From Peter Ansoff - Alexandria VA:
Dear Hal,

Howdy. I'm "CQ." I'm a Compaq portable computer. They tell me that I am IBM compatible, which kinda bothers me -- I don't like to be mentioned in the same breath with that nasty guy on the screen in the Macintosh commercial. That's not to say I'm capable, however. I've got a couple of drives, plenty of K, and all kinds of neat graphics, color, comm, and other potential. Pete likes me because I fold up into a sort of suitcase that weighs only 30 pounds, and because I can use the same programs and data as the IBM PCs (them again) that he uses at work.

I should say a few words about my printer, Oki. He is actually an Okidata 92. He and I are still in the process of learning to communicate -- he is Japanese and I'm from Texas -- but he seems to have all sorts of neat fonts and stuff. As I said, we're still learning about each other; he keeps asking me when we're going to do some dot-addressable graphics and I'm still trying to figure out the difference between serial and parallel. Oh well.....

Do drop me a line next time Eric gives you a break. Unfortunately my disks can't talk to your disks (not to mention that funny processor of yours), so it'll just have to be wordprocessor to wordprocessor!

((Eric here. As I said, Hal is a little under the weather. His right arrow key is broken and he needed a general check-up. He liked your letter though CQ! Since you told us about Oki, I should tell you all about Epson. We all call him EP the talking printer, but... Oh never mind, that's a really bad joke anyway!))

From Steve Arnaudian - Lansdale PA:

I was absolutely appalled at Mr. Linsey's accusation that Dick Martin owed him 1 copy of RETALIATION and that Mr. Martin refused to send the zine. Of course as I read on Mr. Linsey in fact admitted to receiving the issue of RETAL. So what if the issue was cut in half. Like Bruce said he had 1 issue left in his sub and the next issue was a double issue. I feel Dick Martin used excellent judgement in a sticky situation. If he had refunded Linsey's money for 1 issue, Bruce would have yelled that he was thrown out of RETAL. If the entire double issue was sent to Linsey Dick would be out some money. I congratulate Dick on using his common sense.

Of course you are welcome to my house for WoodyCon. Just because you're a "pisspot" is no reason to ban you from WoodyCon. I look forward to GMing a game of Dip with you as a player. If you think I was tough on you at Byrne's, wait until you get to Philly. Don't cry if you're tossed out by 'O2. Remember I use the Linsey method of GMing where honesty and fairness is flushed down the toilet.

((Oh no!! Not the Linsey method!! I agree that Martin showed himself to be a truly concerned editor and is a fine upstanding example for all of us. Let's ALL send Bruce issues cut in half. Why just the other day I was tempted to rewrite Linsey's letter for this issue the way he rewrote Mr. Wrobel's letter recently in VD. But I decided not to print it instead.))

From Bob Olsen - Wichita KS:

I know you'll be disappointed to get this letter; after all I only signed up in Anduin to be deadwood there. But I think maybe I'll shoot forth a few sprouts this time.

Habits like smoking and drinking are difficult to overcome, in part, because they become enmeshed with one's self-image. For example, my mother brooks no comments on her smoking; she figures that smoking is part of Who She IS, so that by criticizing her smoking, you are criticizing her as a person as well. A perfect defense mechanism. It's tough to beat something like that--the best way to lick these habits is never to start in the first place. I'm lucky--I never had the urge (for one thing, "peer pressure" always meant nothing to me) and just never started. Now, with more knowledge, I'm almighty glad I never started--drinking in particular. Dick was correct a while back when he said that there's a hereditary component to alcoholism; both my father, and his father before him, were alcoholics, so I'm at risk. I figure I'm biochemically predisposed, though I like to think I don't have the typical alcoholic personality (denial-of-reality...it's-all-somebody-else's-fault-and-I'm-just-a-poor-innocent-victim...I'm-different-I-can-handle-it). On the other hand this is me talking, not some drug; maybe the Lord Jesus Coors would have a different tale to tell if he were in control of my thoughts.

Why do people do such things? What a naive and touching question you ask, Eric. I can see that you never watch TV; otherwise you'd know that it's all very adult to do this stuff.

and that it's completely impossible to enjoy life, or even go through the day (not to mention play baseball, go to work, go on vacation, meet people, or climb rocks) without a six-pack in one hand and a coffin nail in the other. Also remember that the tobacco industry owns North Carolina and into Congressional delegation (and has an option on all the rest of Congress) and that the liquor industry won't rest till there's a wet bar on every dashboard.

This terrible plague of mis-collation is everywhere these days. My latest MAGUS starts with page 24. And WHITESTONIA also came scrambled up (of course Caruso probably thought it was all right...anything for Olsen, right, wimp?). This scrambled zine fad is definitely the latest new thing and I'll be looking forward to a mixed-up ANDUIN real soon now.

Have you ever considered adjusting your vocabulary and substituting "inconsistency" for "hypocrisy"? It might sound a little better. As Shaw once said, "Foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds." Which goes to show what a mammoth intellect Brux really has.

I strongly disagree with those who say that novices should not play in VD. I think that novices, rather, should be forced to play their first game in Brux's zine. The reason is simple. When you enter the army, where are you sent? To your cushy post guarding the outskirts of Paris from renegade fruit vendors preparing for a lucrative civilian career in tank treat maintance? No way Eric! You are sent to boot camp where you are taught the fundamentals and made to sweat and groan and suffer a lot! I picture Brux as the Lou Gessett of postal Diplomacy; I see him in one of those Smokey Bear hats, waving a set of disallowed orders and screaming, "Hey college man! Spain done got two coasts!" One advantage of hiring Brux as drill instructor of the hobby would be that those novices who couldn't cut it could, rather than think themselves as failures, go on to good careers writing about Brux's houserules in other zines.

Really though, you have to understand Brux's approach to the game in order to understand his approach to GMing. Consider somebody like Woody. Woody's in millions of games, he's basically a social player who plays for the fun of it, and one game more or less makes little difference. Woody would not care to be bothered memorizing silly houserules for every game, worrying about which GM wants code words and which wants the orders notarized and so on, so Woody is content with generic houserules no different from anybody else's. Brux on the other hand plays in one game at a time (though recently he's convinced himself that even that is too many), so he has time to study and memorize every detail of his GM's rules. And Brux is a ferocious competitor who's out for any advantage, no matter how trivial, he can get, including whatever can be massaged out of the houserules. So, Brux GMs for people like Brux--people who want this reservoir of detail which can possibly be turned to a cheap advantage. Had Brux been a player in Ed Wrenzel's game, you can bet he'd not in the slightest be about writing to his dear ally Ed and saying, "Write the support and field orders just this way..."

This is not to criticize Brux, though he's a treacherous bastard. It can be stimulating to play this sort of a game once in

a while... I wouldn't want them all to be like that, though. Personally I never had any trouble with Bruce's house rules--I've misordered units under every PM in the hobby, so there's not that much difference.

I must disagree with my honey, Muffin Byrne--the most fun team in baseball is not the (yawn) Mets, but the Chicago Cubs. Everyone, in his or her heart, is a Cubs fan. Someday... someday... meanwhile, I think it's very true to say... I'm the Chicago Cubs of Dipdom.

I think it's time for me to discuss my grievances against Dick Martin, or, as I like to call him, the Great Satan. You see, this treacherous, scurvy varmint robbed me of my only chance for a postal win. I refer of course to 1979FG. That's right--I WAS SUPPOSED TO WIN R-3!! I have not previously mentioned this, because I thought it would be too boring and ancient and absurd, but judging from the last ANDUN, there are no limits; so here's my dreadful story.

It's really quite simple. Nobody (or at least very few) remembers that the original Russian player was my close and personal friend, John Vielmann. At the start of the game John and I concluded an agreement whereby he would help me win the game in 1904. We worked together perfectly right from the first. Vielmann didn't move his units in Fall 1901 or Spring 1902, according to our plans; then Dick Martin the Great Satan stepped in to interfere in the game and spoil it for me! That's right, this soulless barbarian, at his own whim, threw my ally out of the game and replaced him with a mindless Martin clone named Richard Dunn--and who is this Dunn? Who knows? All I could tell was that he was following Martin's orders to viciously attack me from day one!

Somehow I survived, much to Beelzebub's dismay, till midgame; then he unleashed his hellish fury on me again. I had convinced my close and personal friend, Jack Masters, to help me win-- and what did Martin do? First he ruined our alliance; I have it on good authority that somebody heard that a friend of theirs had said that he overheard somebody say that he heard that somebody at Dipcon overheard somebody else tell a person that there was a rumor going around that Masters planned to throw the game to me, but only if an issue of RETALIATION was renamed SCOTCH BRAND TAPE. And not only did Martin refuse to do this, thus wrecking my position, he threw Masters out of the game too!

I am only mentioning this to you because it is the most important thing in my life. It is also, please note, the most important issue facing the hobby today, as well as the single most important event in human history.

I was glad to see Fred Davis quoting from the SKEPTICAL INQUIRER--one of my favorite magazines. Normally it's an entertaining and even humorous magazine, as when discussing astrology, phrenology, spoon-bending, or other such giddy pastimes. A recent issue on Creationism was somewhat depressing though--that's not funny, that's dangerous. (In my view, Creationism has nothing to do with science, nothing to do with religion, and everything to do with power).

I used to be "into" stuff like UFOs, ESP, and the like. What turned me off, mostly, was discovering all the many ways human

beings have of deluding themselves. Whether religion is truth or wishful thinking is a question that can only be answered after life is over. That's one good thing about dying...come to think of it that's probably the only good thing about dying. Remember, Eric! some day you will kneel in front of the golden throne and cry out in adoration, "Scoop! It's you!"

(If the question can only be answered after life is over, I'll never know I was right. Hell, even I hope I'm wrong sometimes... I haven't had the chance to thank Fred yet, but his article on the back page of the latest Bugswacker on the elimination of evolution in the Texas school system earned me extra credit in my law class, and put me in greater esteem with my teacher. She thought I was really well informed and asked what papers I read. "Only the best!" I responded!)

So, Kane, Martin, Coughlan and Linsey all feel the sharp edge of Olsen's sarcasm. Your cut is deep, and I will remember the lesson in the future. Most important event in hobby history indeed!. Your notion of having the Bruxer as HDI (Hobby Drill Instructor) is hilarious! Let's do it!

You're right, I don't watch much TV. "Peer pressure" doesn't mean much to me either: the people I hang around with aren't the type to pressure me into doing something stupid.

Yes, inconsistency does seem like a good word. I won't substitute it, but I'll add it to the list. Brux's HRs are silly, hypocritical and inconsistent.

Thanks for an interesting and funny letter. Do some more sprouting in the future!)

From Brian Creese - Kingston Upon Thames UK:

Bruce Linsey writes, "Killing to preserve one's own life or one's own way of life is justified. Killing because of difference of opinion is not." Now there's an interesting quote. I agree with the final section, but the first sentence is sorely open to some questioning. Although I question my own right to take anyone's life, even if in defense of my own, the law in Britain certainly upholds that everyone has the right to kill in self defense. However, to kill to preserve one's way of life is rather more dubious. What exactly constitutes an attack on that way of life? Who exactly is doing the attacking? Or is that just a justification for the US embarking on what, from this side of the Atlantic at least, appears to be the grossly illegal action of invading Grenada? Or invading South America? Or attacking Russia? A worrying statement, presented with zero reasoning or explanation.

(I would say that most Americans are of the opinion much like that of Kevin Stone. That the US of A is the best and all else stinks. "USA, love it or leave it" is enough to make me leave sometimes! You're right, the logical question is: "Where do we draw the line? Grenada, South America, Russia?" etc.)

From Rod Walker - Encinitas, CA:

"America, Love it or Leave it" is a cop-out and Kevin Stone should know it. How one feels about one's country is not relevant to how one feels about wrongful practices within one's own country. I can see Kevin Stone, slaveowner, confronting a group of abolitionists in 1859 with a statement like that. I can see Kevin Stone, sweat shop proprietor, saying that to people in, say, 1890, who wanted to eliminate child labor, the 10-hour 6-day workweek. Why, everything good that has happened to this country has happened because people thought something was wrong and wanted to fix it. Wanting to fix something wrong is often not unpatriotic. Do I love America less because I want to get rid of her warts? No, I love her more. So I say to the right-wingers, "America, fix it or leave it". ((Well said!))

The notions that the American Revolution was brought about solely as a protest against the mercantile system, or that it was just a mistake are both quite naive. The Revolution did not just suddenly break out, but in fact took a generation to develop. There were many interrelated causes. If I were to sum up the causes of the Revolution, it would be, "colonies grow up; sorry about that."

Loved your cover.

((Thanks. Obviously the Revolution was not caused by any single factor. Any idiot knows that, Rod. I was just saying that it was among the factors, and was a major one. I happen to know a great deal about the subject, and my honest contention is that the Americans were not as high and holy as we make them out to be. Our forefathers certainly weren't without fault. I wonder how many people are aware that Thomas Jefferson slept with his Negro slave? Or that Washington was a complete pawn in the hands of Hamilton? Remember that heart-rending speech Washington gave when he retired? Hamilton wrote it!))

Why does everyone (including me) pick on Kevin Stone? There must be something about you Rev, that brings something out in us. I can see Kevin Stone, right-winged Conservative, saying that statement to Eric Kane in say, 1984. See how far our country has progressed since leaving the Brits??)

From Nick Felella - Floral Park NY:

I don't think the Colonies were as "right" as American history books make them appear. Nor do I think England's colonial system at the time was just either. Very few disputes are clear-cut. It's unfortunate that it came to war. ((I agree fully with these comments. You summed it up rather well.))

I hope you win an Oscar for your new movie.

Here's a question for you. Why do you send me drawings of this guy Robert Milliken and then draw wavy lines over his face? Seriously, do you know who he is?

((I believe Milliken was a physicist. Twinkle, Twinkle, Killer Kane is a shoo-in for best movie this year.))

From Pete Tamlyn - Aylesbury UK:

Your comments to Kev Stone about the American revolution are quite ironic considering the current relationship between the two countries. Whatever the actual conditions in the colonies, there seems little doubt that the colonies rebelled because they believed that they were being exploited, they didn't like being pushed around by some country miles away overseas, whether it was for their own good or not. Does it sound familiar.

Union Jack clothing. Sorry mate, no will do. Why? Well, such things do exist over here, but the sort of folks that wear them are normally the mindless thugs of our various neo-fascist parties. Sort of the Billy Highchair types, except with thugish actions to match their thugish thoughts. I don't suppose that a cultured gentleman like yourself would really want to be associated with such types so I'm not sending you any clothing.

((Yes, but the reason I would wear them would be to symbolize my love and adoration for the UK. Everyone who knows me knows about my love for the UK, this would just be another way of showing it. Won't you reconsider?) As to the revolution I disagreed with it and still do, and yes, it does sound amazingly familiar. Maybe our nation has been taking hypocrite lessons from Bruce Linsen...))

From Ken Halpern - Great Neck, NY

TRUTH

(The following is enough truth to get most people through life!) Truth is not absolute, it is relative. Each person has their own world view, and for them, that is truth. The degree to which that world view conforms with consensus is the amount of credence it is given as 'absolute' truth. For example, it is almost universally accepted that murder is wrong, thus, it **is** wrong. Conversely, selective abortion, the ethics of which are hotly debated by (at least) two opposing, populous factions is neither "right" nor "wrong" in the absolute sense that selective homicide is. Relative to Right-to-Lifers, abortion is **WRONG**; relative to Planned Parenthood, abortion is **ACCEPTABLE**.

Therefore, from my point of view, those who are not open-minded enough to allow for others' realities (and thus conform to my view of truth) range anywhere from ignoramuses to assholes. To me, Ronald Reagan (whose mind is closed and soldered shut) is an ignoramus; to Ronald Reagan, I (a Democrat-Liberal) am an asshole. I recognize the paradoxical nature of what I have just set forth; I can maintain my anti-Reagan stance, since our world views conflict, but at the same time I can recognize that, for him, his world view is valid. Of course, someone will respond smugly to this letter by saying "Your logic condones the actions of Adolf Hitler, since he truly (fanatically, in fact) believed in what he was doing." This sort of a statement misses the point entirely. I support (among other things) respect for the beliefs of others, a view which is certainly in opposition to the destruction of one's fellow human beings. Hitler deserved death because he violated the value systems of almost all of humanity (consensus or 'absolute' truth) with his actions.

Now, of course, some smuglet (a new word, there) will say "If consensus opinion changed, and murder came to be considered morally acceptable, by your system murder would then be right." This would be akin to saying "If toilets spontaneously turned into butterflies, by your system they would fly away." In other words, such a thing (as the legalization of selective murder) would simply never occur. That is, my belief system takes the nature of human beings and human social structure into account.

Before I conclude, I would like to take a swipe at California. California is basically a pointless place. San Francisco is pretty, but that's about it for the whole state. San Diego is dull and disposable. Los Angeles is a city without character. New York is a gutsy town, L.A. a land of superficiality and tinsel. New York is also more aesthetically appealing than L.A. We have the Empire State Building, the Citibank Building, the Statue of Liberty, Park Avenue, the Chrysler Building, the Mets (the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Metropolitan Opera House, not the motley baseball crew), Lincoln Center, Radio City Music Hall, Broadway, Greenwich Village, etc., etc., etc. L.A. has smog and traffic problems. As for non-urban N.Y. compared with non-urban CA, we have conservatives. California has reactionaries. (I might remind everyone that we are talking about the state in which Ronald Reagan's political career blossomed.) It is ironic that California's coast is on the Pacific Ocean. That's all for now, I suppose.

(I agree with you about California, though I don't know what brought about this vicious attack on them. Not that I mind, I'm always happy to put down Calif. As for your philosophy. I am in agreement with most of your beliefs, but whether I am part of the general consensus or not basically makes little difference to me...)

From Terry Tallman - Seattle WA:

So the bottom line is if you live the best life you can and try to do right by yourself and your fellow, if and when you are judged you will have little to be ashamed of.

The shape of the symbol over the door, the day of the week you think about it and the songs you do or don't sing can't change that. Only you can.

(I printed this excerpt because it is the best piece of advice I have heard in a long time. I would be quick to offer similar advice in the future.)

(I cut out a good deal from this issue's letter column. There are a number of reasons. For one I can't afford any more 52 page issues until I start earning some big bux (give me about five years). For another, I tried a different style this issue, so think of this as an experiment.)

"You will never find a more wretched hive of scum and villainy"

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MOS EISLEY SPACER POINT

MOS EISLEY is a roving subzine of assorted hobby and non-hobby comments brought to you by John Michalski, Rt 10 Box 526-Q, Moore OK 73165. Your comments are appreciated, most of the time.

HOBBY NEWS of sorts. Mark Berch recently sent me a free DD (I'd let my sub lapse) as my courtesy copy featuring a humorous attack on me in an otherwise lackluster issue. If it weren't for the pages of old British dipzine comments on variants, I would have suspected a clever fake, for here was the pious and moral Mark Berch down there flinging mud with the best of them. Oh, to be sure, his name-calling was in the usual pompous Berch high and mighty style, but just as with mere mortals, you attack His pals and he comes out blasting away at you, just like he (and others) decry similar attacks and feuds when they involve outsiders. The piece starts out well, stating how he will limit his attack to "just one example: John Michalski", but then goes on to spend more space blasting the BNC and John Caruso than he does me. If you are unfamiliar with current hobby alliances, Mark is attacking me in an effort to defend the resident hobby laughingstock, Larry Peery, who edged out Mark as #2 man last year in the Dip World circle of pals. Now to defend Peery is a pretty big order even for as expert a bullslinger as Mark, so to his credit, he opts out and takes the more commonly tread road of name-calling and personal insult. For one who usually eschews such tactics, or at least claims to, Mark does pretty well in this 'unfamiliar' setting: I had planned to quote some of it here, but I've already packed that issue off in a box of sold dipazines, so I'll spare you those gems for now. I was tempted to respond there, in order to get another free issue, but decided it's just not worth the stamp. If you can borrow someone else's issue though, check this one out: it's pretty funny to see Mark in the all-too-human hobby role of common feuder. Way to go, Mark!

Speaking of hobby writers, the recent writers poll put me in (I think) 6th place behind a very impressive group of hobby writers that included everyone I think belongs in the top ranks, with only perhaps Bob Osuch lacking. I am honored to be close behind this distinguished group, including 2 hobbyists in the "DW circle" cited above, Mark and Red Walker. Congratulations to all the top winners, who deserved what they got (not always true in every poll), and my thanks to those who mentioned me on their ballot also.

Scott Hanson has announced that he will be folding up his IRKSOME around year end when he graduates. Probably a good idea. I mean, Frauke may think all this bull is funny now, but after a while, it will take more than sub fees and dirty press to keep her interest up, you know? Time for Scott to go out there and try something new, without the fetters of pubbing. Putting on the pants in That family will be quite a job. Lots of luck Scott!!

Don Del Grande put out an interesting Dip-&-trivia test in a recent issue of his LOM.

While it is infinitely more interesting than that turgid Shep Ross letter that wasted page after unreadable page in four or more dipazines, I wonder if Don's piece will get half the exposure? (He asks that it be rerun elsewhere by anyone interested.) I wonder what makes the difference?

Speaking of long winded pieces, Linsey ran a long "play" or something in a recent special issue of his VOICE OF DOOM. At first I skipped it, as I never read those long running things, but after some phone prodding from a hobbyist, I went back and looked through it again. The songs in it are pretty clever really, and although Linsey comes dangerously close to being denounced by hobby powers defending Larry Peery in these risque parodies on Peery's hobby schemes, it did turn out to be looking at. Check it out if you get the chance.

worth

Peter Gaughan was to have a dipcon in Arlington TX in mid January, but too many people in range couldn't make it, so he took the time and expense to call a bunch of us within the nearby states to tell us it was called off at the last minute. (I'd just written the day before to say the AF Reserve would have me tied up that Saturday). I was really impressed by such consideration, which is all too rare in this hobby. I'd like to publicly thank him here. We will all try again later this year.

EVENT OF THE YEAR, PudgeCon III, probably will be around Labor Day instead of June or so, just to help entice the Hobby Mistress, er, make that Queen, and her pet, Arnawoodian. Or at least I think "muffin" means everyone's favorite hobby star. If it means Mike Barno, forget that build-up. Plan now to save your pennies and come to the event of the year in Wichita late this summer. If our attorneys would get on the ball, I'd be up there pretty quick myself (on Tax Commission business). But as it is, well, you know lawyers. Practice up on your RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN, Bob: You won't roll perfect weather all the way through to Christmas 1941 a second time.

Now,

LETTERS

BEN SCHILLING (excerpt)

That (the layoff) is disgusting. Have they given you any possible dates for a call back or is it that favorite of the auto company, the indefinite layoff? Hang in there and don't let the nonsense get to you.

((Thanks for your concern. The Commissioners hit some legislators on the head in the dark of the night, and persuaded them that the state would not be ahead in saving \$3.2 million in cut wages when it meant the loss of 4 items that much in uncollected taxes. That was conservative, by the way; another auditor and I came up, by chance, with exactly \$3.2 million in a claim on one job last year, yet half our division was to go out the door. Anyhow, by going beyond the call of duty and perhaps propriety, they saved our jobs for the time being; we are only laid off two days a month across the board now, although next month they will look at it again. Oh well.))

J.M.

MARC PETERS

By the way, what is this AIDS contest I read about in J.M. I suppose I should be able to guess by the name of it, but I haven't heard any particulars. Who are the contestants to vote for? Let me guess: Peery (he has to be on there since he's your favorite Dipper), Walker, and Woody. Well, I wouldn't vote for Woody because he already gets too much abuse. Or at least he gets enough--I guess it would be hard to give Woody too much abuse. I wouldn't vote for Walker

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because I know nothing about the guy. I would vote for Peery because I'm so fucking sick of hearing one money-makin' idea after another emanating from that guy.

Hope your new year is more financially rewarding than the last one!

(It can't be much worse; thanks. On the other matter, yes, the hobby laughingstock is the purported target, although there is no real "contest"; Caruso made it up from a passing remark I once ran. It's one of Caruso's favorites, kind of like the dumb line about "pregnant rabbits" he's so fond of. I think he is envious of Kathy's infatuation with my masculinity. Or is it Olsen's, I forget?))

J.M.



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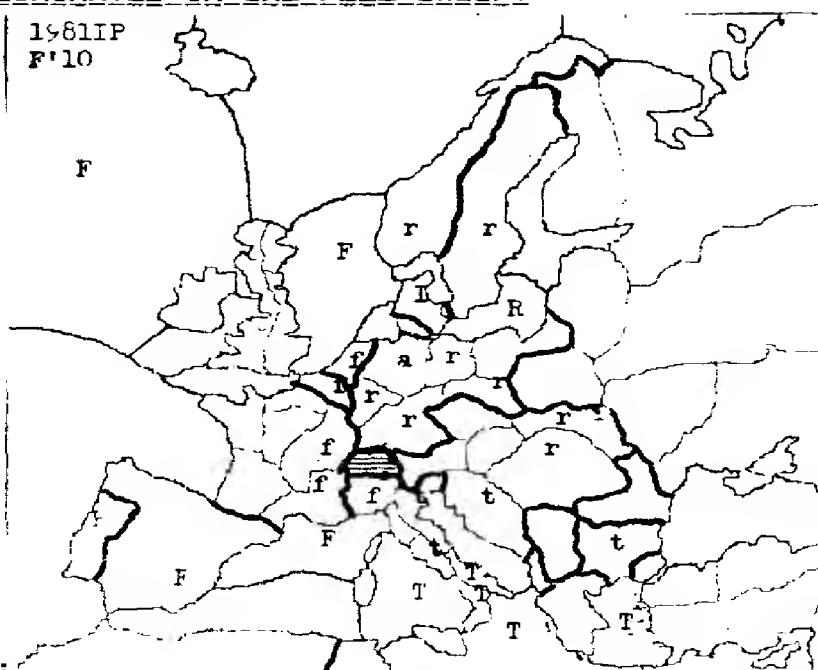
Summer, 1910: Germany retreats A Kie-Ruh.

GERMANY AND ENGLAND ELIMINATED IN ONE FELL SWOOP!

England (Quirk): F_Hol
S_Austrian_A_Kie.
 France (Chisholm): F_Mid-
POR; F_SPA(sc) S
F_Mid-Por; E_LYO-Tyn;
A_Tus-PIE; A_Gas-MAR;
F_Iri-NAO; A_Yor-HOL;
F_NTH C & A_BEL S
A_Yor-Hol; A_BUR S A_Bel.
 Germany (Felella): A_Buhz
Kie.
 Italy (Palter): F_DEN S
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 Austria (Ozog): A_KIE S
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 Russia (Byrne): A_Mun-RUH;
A_Boh-MUN; A_SIL S
A_Boh-Mun; A_BER S
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ITALIAN F_Den; A_BUD H;
A_Ukr-GAL.
 Turkey (Nadaner?): NMRI!!
F_Por, F_TYN, F_TON,
F_NAP, F_APU, & F_AEG U, H;
A_VEN, A_ROM, A_TRI & A_BUL
U, H.

"Fall, 1910"

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The Turkish F_Por is annihilated. The English F_Hol and German A_Ruh are also removed due to lack of centers. Here is the 1910 supply center chart:

England: Hol (0). 0-U-T.

France: Home, Bel, Spa, Por, Lon, Edi, Liv, Rom, HOL (10). Even.

Germany: Kie (0). 0-U-T.

Italy: Swe, Den (1). Even (was playing 1 short).

Austria: Mun, KIE (1). Even.

Russia: Home, Rum, Bud, Vie, Nwy, Ber, MUN, SWE (11). Build 2.

Turkey: Home, Bul, Ser, Gre, Tri, Ven, Nap, Tun, ROM (11). Build 2 (1 anni).

No standby will be called for Nadaner since I know he'll be back next season. The dummy didn't give me orders before he went on vacation! Eric Ozog has resigned with these moves as his subscription has run out. The new Austrian player is: Puppy Poison Pen Mark Frueh!!! His address is on page 4. Eat your heart out Mark!

PRESS:

Cedarchurst-Queen: Is it time yet?

Frances-Pirate-King: Hey Mike, it's only a Dip game! Don't get so upset.

GM: Fine attitude, a lotta people should listen to your advice!
Your press is continued on page 20.

Amsterdam-Queen_Kathy: I attacked you out of respect, not hatred. I knew what would happen if you were allowed to stay in the game. If only the original German hadn't NMR'd. Please don't let Chisholm have part of a draw. Thanks and good luck to you.

Amsterdam-GM: Are you really looking for Union Jack panties? Talk to Caruso, he has a large collection of bizarre erotica.

France-Turkey&Russia: If you guys are definitely going for the two-way draw, now that we're non-DIAS you can propose it. If you both say you want it, I'll vote for it. If you're not going for it, will one of you please reply to my letters?

Russia-Turkey: I've never played ESP Dip before, but you can see I've adapted to it very well!

Russia-France: If I were you, I wouldn't complain about one center power-someday you might be thankful to have one center.

Ice-Queen-Amsterdam: Hopefully your mouth has finally left us! But maybe not, maybe your good friend France has offered to let you be his slave! Now that is a fate worse than death. Puppeting to Chisholm, some guys ain't got no class!

Amsterdam-Moscow: Once again you were a major topic of conversation at Rusnakcon. Eric Ozog's younger brother wants to meet you. I hope you like younger men.

Russia-Austria: Let them laugh, just remember you'll cut last all of them!

Russia-Italy: Once again I will ask you for the game information needed to give you a BN. Whatever you sent Ditter was probably lost in the mail - if you'll just send me original players and countries I'll be more than happy to give you a number!

Amsterdam-Nick: Aren't you glad I didn't tell Kathy what you said about the Mets?

Russia-Germany: Sorry Nick but it is 1910 and really about time one of us departed.

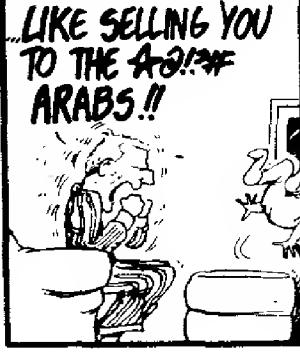
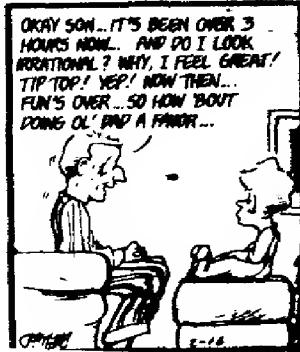
Russia-HAL: Hi, I'm a robot, my name is 9T4, wanna be friends?

Then I can write you every season!

GM-9T4: Take off, boser!

HAL-GM: Aww, you're no fun, Eric!

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Summer, 1906: England retreats F Swe-Den
ITALIANS LAND IN LIVERPOOL!!

England (Hickey): E_NRG-
Nwy: E_ST-E-Nwy; F Eng-
BRE: A FAR S F Eng-Bret;
F DEN S GERMAN F Bot-
Swe: F_LYO-Spa(sc);
F GAS S F Lyo-Spa(sc).

France (Brachman): A_BUB-
Ruh: A MAR S F Spa(sc);
F SPA(sc) H.

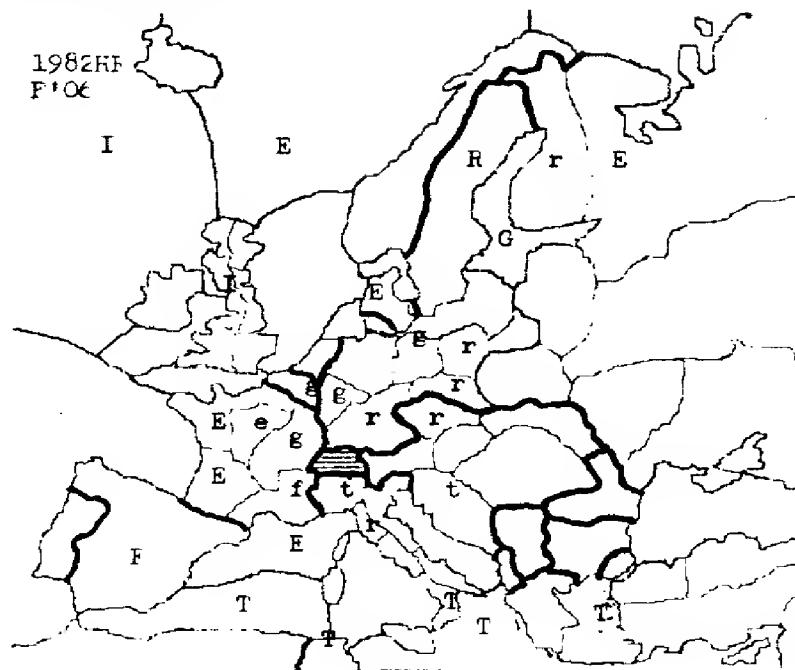
Germany (Makuc): A_RUH-
Kie: A_BEB-Kie; A_Pic-
BUR: A BEL S A Pic-Bur;
F_BOT=Swe.

Italy (Palter): F_Iri-LPL;
F Mid-NAO: A_Mun_S_BUS
A_Sil-Ber(1900).

Russia (Morris): A_Tyr-MUN;
A_BOH S A_Tyr-Mun; A_SIL
S_ITALIAN_A_Mun-Ber(1900);
F_TUS S TURKISH A_Ven-Pie;
F_SWE H; A FIN S F_Swe;
A_Lyn-FRU.

Turkey (Frueh): A_Ven_PIE;
F_Tur-WES; A_Alb-TRI;
F_Ion-TUN; F_Eas-TON;
F_Apu-NAP; F_AEG H.

"Fall, 1906"



The Italian A_Mun and French A_Bur are both annihilated.
Here is the 1906 supply center chart:

England: Lpl, Lon, Edi, Nwy, Swe, St.p, Par, DEN, BRE (7). Even.

France: Mar, Spa, Por, Bel (5). Build 1 (will play 1 short).

Germany: Kie, Ber, Den, Hol, Bre, BEL (4). Remove 1.

Italy: Nap, Rom, Mun, Lpt (2). Even (1 anni).

Russia: Sev, Mos, War, Rum, Bud, Ven, Vie, MUN, SWE (9). Bid 2.

Turkey: Home, Gre, Bul, Ser, Tri, Tun, NAF (9). Build 2 (was 1 short).

FREESE:

Germany-World: I think congratulations are due the GM. He finally got my zip code right. It's taken him 19 issues, but he's finally done it. Now if I could only get him to spell Monterey right. Oh well, one miracle a decade is OK....

GM-World: Will one of you guys eliminate this pest?

Turkey-Russia: I want those two other dots - don't get too settled in. But don't worry - no one else can tell that we're allied.

London-Liverpool: Quick! Hide the women, children and sheep-the Italians are coming!

Turkey-Russia: When I come to visit you for spring break, I'll bring some snow with me so you can remember what it feels like to get a snowball in your face.

London-Berlin: Sorry-looks like the end of the road.

Campaign, the Prime Minister would only state that he intended to tour Venice in the summer, so the French Army had better take it quickly and cleanly and not make too much of a mess. He also noted that French and English troops successfully linked up along the Piedmont/Tyrolia border last Fall, but lack of supplies may force the English forces to withdraw from their advanced positions in the Tyrolean Alps.

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1981IR
"Fall, 1908"

Summer, 1908: Germany retreats F Den-Hel.

OK WELL, I GUESS IT WON'T BE AN I/R DRAW IN '81IR!

England (Anschoff): E_NTH-

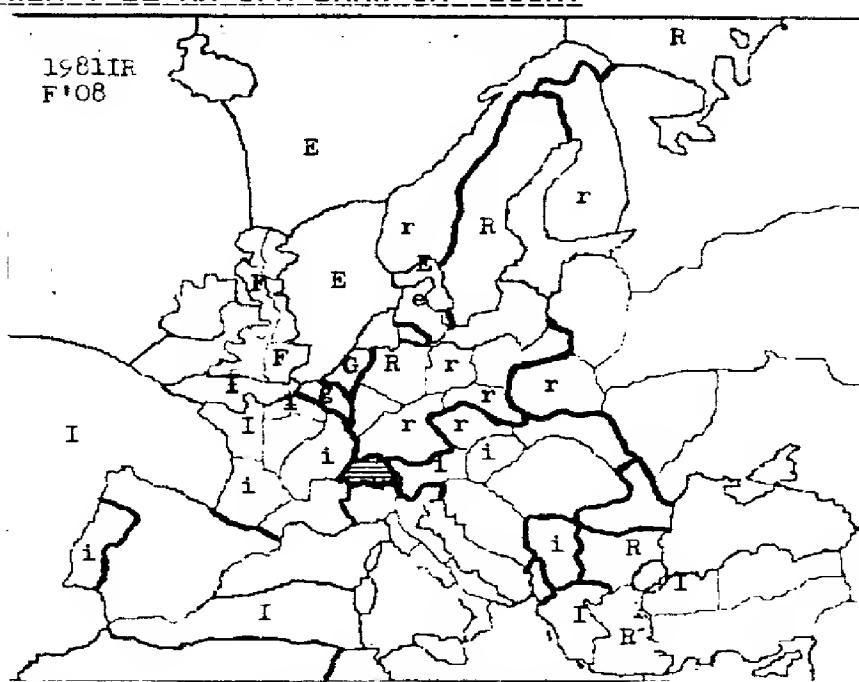
Hol; F SKA S A Den;
 A DEN H; F NRG-Nwy.

France (Martin): F Eng-
 LON; F Nao-LVP.

Germany (Carter): A_Pic
 S_A_Bel; A BEL S F Hel-
 Hol; F Hel-HOL.

Italy (Kollmer): A_Tyr-
 VIE; A Pie-TYR; A Gre-
 SER; F Smy-CON; F Ion-
 GRE; F Tyn-WES; A POR H;
 F Spa(sci)-MID; F Mid-
 ENG; F BRE S F Mid-Eng;
 A GAS S F Bret; A BUR S
 A Par-Pic; A Par-PIG.

Russia (Furey): F AEG &
 F BUL(ec) H; F KIE-
 Den; A SWE H; A FIN &
 F BAR S A Nwy; A_NWY
 S_F_Swe; A_MUN-Kie;
 A BER S A Mun-Kie;
 A_SIL-Mud; A BOH S
 A Sil-Mun; A WAR H.



The German A Pic is annihilated. Here is the 1908 supply center chart:

England: Lyg, Lon, Edi, Swe, DEN (2). Remove 2.

France: Bre, Por, LVP, LON (2). Even.

Germany: Hol, Bel, Den (2). Even (1 anni).

Italy: Home, Tun, Smy, CON, TRI, Gre, Vie, Ser, Mun, Spa, POR, Mar, Par, BRE (15). Build 2.

Russia: Home, Ank, Con, Bul, Rum, Bud, Nwy, Ber, SWE, Kie, MUN (13). Build 1.

PRESS:

France-England: Even the best of allies tire of fighting lost causes.

Germany-Italy: Didn't mean to intrude but I've been dieing (literally) to get a piece of France since S'01.

Germany-England: C'mon Pete, I just know you'll have a witty reply to my last press release?

England-Germany: I completely agree: Senility is no excuse for bad play. Just what is your excuse?

Germany-GM: Physics was my worst subject in High School too and I've had 16 years to forget what I failed to learn in the first place.

France-GM: Maybe Dave meant different bands of the spectrum? I like the Rolling Stones, myself.

France-Italy & Russia: Two way draws can be interesting, but not this time.

France-Germany: Please repeat your last message. We do not read you.

Rome-Russia: Does DIAS include the GM? Or do we get to eliminate him too??

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1982D
"Spring, 1909"

Winter, 1908: France builds F Mar. Turkey builds F Smy & A's Con & Smy.

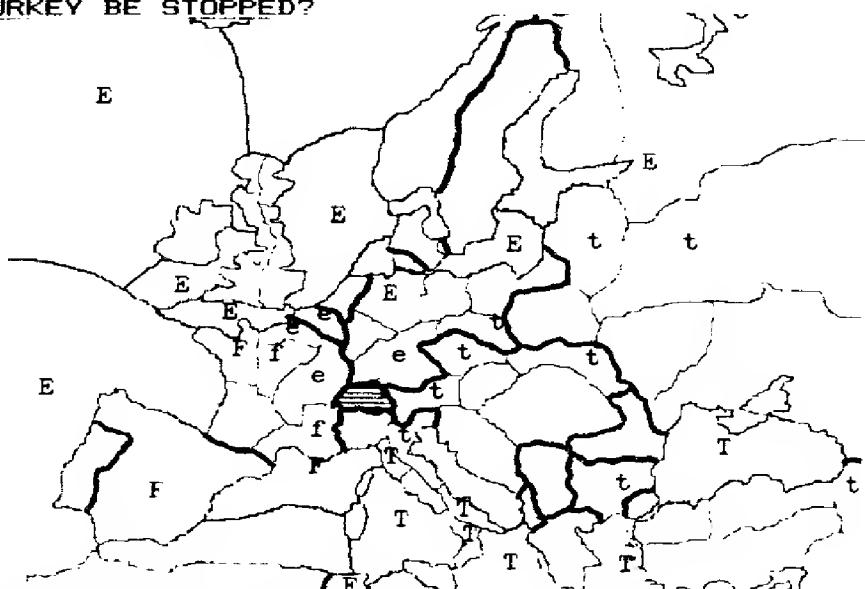
CAN TURKEY BE STOPPED?

England (Carlo): NMRI!!

A's PIC, BUR, BEL &
MUN H; F'S MID, NAO,
IRT, ENG, NTH, KIE,
BAL & ST. P(SC) U, H.

France (Brachman): F Mar-
LYO; F SPA(sc) S F Mar-
Lyo; F Wes-TUN; A Gaet-
MAR; A PAR S F Bret
F BRE H.

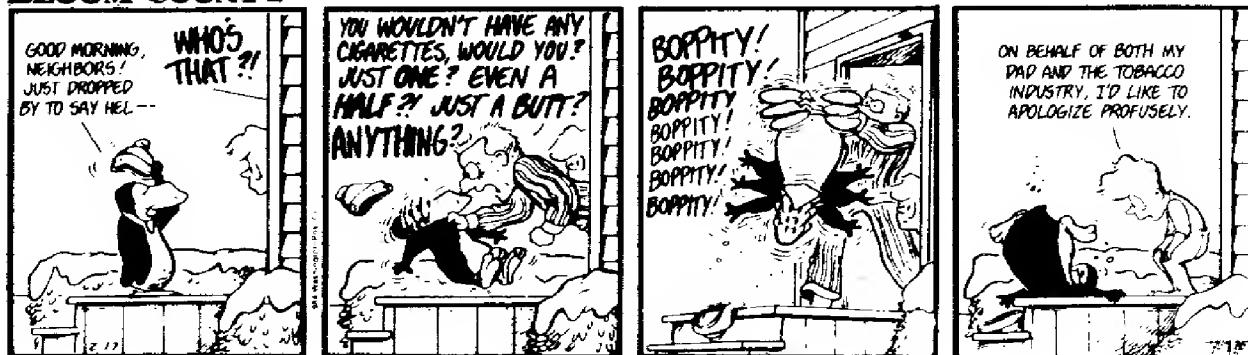
Turkey (Brawner): F Ion-
TYN; F TUS S F Ion-Tyn;
A Tri-TYR; A VEN S A Tri-
-Tyr; F Apu-NAP; F Adr-
APU; F Aeg-ION; F Smy-
AEG; A Con-BUL; A Anh-
ARM; F Rum-BLA; A Bud-
GAL; A Vie-BOH; A Gal-
SIL; A War-LVN; A MOS
S A War-Lvn.



No dislodgements and no press this time. No proposals either! We do need a standby for England, however, how about Dave Anderson, 219 Oakland Ave, apt #2, Pontiac, MI, 48053?

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BLOOM COUNTY



1984B???

"Spring, 1901"

A Miller Number is pending. I have to find out from Rod Waller what Roman Numeral variant of Anarchy this game is, or if I've created a new one. Can you help me out, Rod? How about you Fred Davis?

NO MAP UNTIL WE GET THE COUNTRY NAMES STRAIGHTENED OUT!

Eandemonium (Martin): Builds A Mos & A Lvp. A MOS & A LVP H.

Philip-II ** (Furey): Builds F Por & A Den. F POR S EDRAKIN A Mar -Spa; A DEN S ASTALON A Mun-Bel(1990).

Stalton (Hakey): Builds A Mun & A Sev. A MUN-Bel; A Sev-ARM.

Edrank (Anderson): Builds A Por & A Mar. A Mar-SPA; A Por-GAS.

Zimbabwe (Stone): Builds F Spa(sc) & A Smy. F Spa(sc)-MID;

A SMY S ASTOLAN A Sev-Arm

** (Collmer): Builds F Bre & F Ank. F ANK & F BRE H.

Oceania (Mahuc): Builds F Nwv & F Lon. E LON-Nth; E NWY S E Leo-Nth;

Ottomania ** (Peel): Builds F Con & A Bud. A BUD S TRIMANIA
A Tri-Ser; F CON S UNTIED STATES F Bul(ed).

Trimania (Murray): Builds A Tri & A Rum. A Tri-SER; A RUM S
A Tri-Ser.

Transience ** (Scheifler): Builds A Rom & A Edi. A ROM-Ven; A EDI
-Lvp.

United States (Lew): Builds A Kie & F Bul(ed). F BUL(ed) S PEEL
F Con: A KIE S ASIALON A Mun-Bel;

Equador (Harrelere): Builds A Hol & A Ber. A HOL-Bel; A BER S
A Hol-Kie.

International Communist Conspiracy (Cameron): Builds F Swe & F Bel
E BEL-Nth; F SWB H.

Sledder (Clark): Builds F Nap & F St.P(ed). F Nap-TION; E ST.P(ed)
-day.

Coleander (Halpern): Builds A Ven & A Vie. A VEN & A VIE H.

** (Ross?): NMRI!! Build A War & A Tur(t). A TUR & A WAR H, H.

** (Hutton?): NMRI!! Build A Ger & A Gre. A GER & A GRE H, H.

The Hutton A Ser is annihilated. We need a standby for Hutton! Will Jack Jung submit an order for A Gre (and a country name)? We also need an SB for Ross! Will Nick Felella please submit a country name and orders for A Tur & A War? Thanks fellas. Two NMRS isn't that bad out of 17! If there is a ** next to your country name, you just change it next season as the first initial is the same as someone else's who submitted their orders before you did.

PREGS: (Black, remember?)

Grotesque: You seemed like a nice guy at RuismakCon so I trusted you.

Cruddest: Is your name really crud?

EdibleWorld: The Transient King, Tempus the third, invites all heads of state to a grand costume ball at the Evanescent Palace on the 19th of February. R.S.V.P.

Warsaw-St. Pete & Moscow: Let's clean up Russia and remove the Crud.

Habecollmer: EGAD.

Eandemonium: Yay for armies! Boo for fleets! Oh, this isn't EP happy?

alexis-Montezuma: You will be ex-TER-minated!

Voice_of_Stavros_Press: Why are there no bag ladies in Indiana?
Because beggars can't be Hoosiers!

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1982Bx:m02 "Fall, 1906"

Summer, 1906: Japan retreats F S China Sea-Tonkin Gulf. Italy
retreats F baghdad-Persian Gulf.

ENGLISH OUTGUESS_JAPANESE!! THE BALKANS ARE A MESS!!

China (Nadarer?): NMRT!!! F's SOUTH CHINA SEA, PEKING & SAIGON H.
H: A's MANCHRIA, TIBET, CAMBODIA, THAILAND, BURMA, NEPAL,
SINANG & TURKESTAN U, H.

Germany (Hakey): A_UKRAINE-Romania; A Warsaw-GALICIA; A SILESIA S
A Warsaw-Galicia; A Saxony-BOHEMIA; A MUNICH S A Saxony-Bohemia
A Burgundy-GASCONY; A PARIS S A Burgundy-Gascony; A Ruhr-BURGUNDY;
F_RIQUARDY_S_ENGLISH_F_Gascony-Brest((iso)); F BALTIc
H & search for French infiltrators.

Italy (Keller): A_VENICE_S_GERMAN_A_Munich-Tyrolia((iso));
A TUSCANY & A Apulia S A Venice; F TUNIS H; A Fezzan-LIBYA;
F Bulgaria(ed)-GREECE; F ALBANIA & F IONION S F Bulg-Greece
F_PERSIAN_GULF-Iran; F ARABIAN SEA S F Persian Gulf-Iran.

Austria (Anderson): A_ROMANIA_S_A_Serbia-Bulgaria; A Serbia-BULGARIA;
A_Greece_S_A_Serbia-Bulgaria; A_SEVASTIOPOL-Ukraine;
A_Galacia_S_A_Sevastopol-Ukraine; E_Adriatic-Venice; A TYRULIA
& A TRIESTE S F Adriatic-Venice.

England (Scheifler): F_Hirosaki-TOKYO; F North Pacific Ocean-KARAFUTO;
F North Pacific OBB-MID ATLANTIC; E_Gascony-Spain(ed)
F English Channel-BREST; F London-ENGLISH CHANNEL; F OMSK H;
A_MOSCOW-Sevastopol; F North Atlantic-IRISH SEA.

Japan (Makuc): F_Tokyo-NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN; F_Nyoto-HIROSAKI;
F East China Sea-CANTON; F_TONKIN GULF S F East China Sea-Canton;
E_KOREA-Manchuria; E_JAPAN SEA-Manchuria; E_PHILLIEEGNE-South_China_Sea;
F Mid Atlantic-SPAIN(ed); F WESTERN MED S F Mid-Spa(ed).

India (Shuetz): A DECCAN & A DELHI S F Calcutta; F CALCUTTA H;
E_MALAYAN SEA-Johore; E_CELEBES-Borneo; A_AFGHANISTAN-Turkestan

France (Dancouse): A Piedmont-MARSEILLES; A_Spain_H; F_SIAM_GULE-Johore; F_BORNEO H.

Turkey (Furey): A_BAGHDAD S F_Iran; E_IRAN_S_A_Baghdad; F_CDN S
AUSTRIAN A_Ser-Bul; A_SMY S F_Can.

RETREATS: Austrian A_Gre to the box. English F_Gascony to the box.
French A_Spain -For or OTB. Austrian A_Galacia-Cluj,
Vienna, Budapest or OTB. Here is the 1906 supply center chart:

England: Lorr, Liv, Edi, Ireland, Norway, St. Petes, Omsk, Moscow,

Brest, KARAFUTO, TOKYO (1). Build 3 (1 anni).

Italy: Home(4), Yemen, Pentapolis, Tunis, Ethiopia, Baghdad,
GREECE, Bulgaria, Egypt (10). Even.

China: Peking, Hankow, Canton, Vietnam, Manchuria, Outer Mongolia,
Sinkiang, Burma, Thailand, Cambodia, Saigon (10). Remove L.

Germany: Home(4), Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Sweden, Warsaw,
Paris (10). Even.

Japan: Osaka, Honshu, Tokyo, Karafuto, Philippines, Formosa,
Vladivostok, Korea, Morocco, SPAIN, CANTON (9). Even.

Austria: Home(4), Romania, Serbia, VENICE, BULGARIA, Greece,
Sevastopol (8). Build 1 (2 anni).

India: Home(3), Java, Ceylon, Johore (6). Even.

Turkey: Con, Smy, Ank, BAGHDAD, Iran (5). Build 1.
France: Borneo, Spain, Portugal, Marseilles (3). Remove 1.

PRESS:

Rome-Berlin: E/G/I!

Austria-Berlin & London: E/G/A! E/G/A! E/G/A!

Austria-Germany: Sorry about the little attack last time. This time it's a bigger attack!

Berlin-London: Heh! Let's go gettem', partner!

Berlin-World: The German High Command regrets to inform the nations of the world that a state of war now exists between the German Empire and the Twin Kingdoms of Austria and Hungary. This state was precipitated by intelligence received which, without a shadow of a doubt, proved Austrian negligence and outright criminal conduct with respect to treatment of both military prisoners and the helpless civilian occupants of conquered territory. The German Empire cannot tolerate such activity, and German Armed Forces are hereby ordered to invade and conquer Austria & Hungary and liberate all such oppressed peoples. We will bring true enlightenment to all peoples of Germanic origin; if we have to execute those leaders which have led these nations astray, so be it.

1982Qhp01 "Spring, 1890"

Winter, 1889: England builds F Liv, Spain removes A Mar, Sweden builds A Mal, Germany removes A Sil, Italy builds A Rom, Austria builds A Cluj.

ENGLISH, GERMANS AND SWEDES ADVANCE

England (Chisholm): F Liv-IRI; A Ast-MAD; A NAV S A Ast-Mad; A GAS S GERMAN A Bur-Mar; E_SAO-A1bS; E_CAD_S F Sao-AlbS; F POR S F Cad; E_BIS-Mid; E_MID-Sao.

Spain (Makuc): A_Mad-Cad; E_ALBS_S_A_Mad-Cad; F MOR S F AlbS.

Sweden (Charneley): A Mal-COUR; F BAL C A Mal-Cour; A_WAR-Gal; A Arm-SEV; A MOS & A UKR S A Arm-Sev; A_SIE-Per.

Germany (Wrobel): A Bur-MAR; A Tyr-PIE; A SWI S A Tyr-Fie; A Swa-TYR; A VIE & A MUN S A Swa-Tyr; A BOH S A Vie; A_GAL-Rum; F KIE H.

Italy (Shuetz): E_WES-AlbS; F VAL S F Wes-AlbS; F LYO S F Val; A_ROM-Ven; A_VEN-Pie; F SMY S A Lev; A LEV S AUST A Per.

Austria (Anderson): F Sin-ARM; A_PER_S_E_Sin-Arm; F BLA & A_RUM S A Sev; A_SEV & A SER S A Rum; A SPL S A CRO; A CRO S ITAALIAN A Rom-Vent; A BUD S A Cro; A CLUJ S A Bud.

The Austrian A Sev and Spanish A Mad retreat to the box. No press this time. See page 4 for Ed Wrobel's COA.

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1981KE

This game has ended in a two-way draw between Russia (Dave Carter) and Italy (Paul Rauterberg). Each player controls 17 supply centers, and both have agreed to a draw. My congratulations to both of you! An endgame chart, player list and closing statements will be printed next issue. If anyone wishes to submit an endgame statement or comment, please do so by the next deadline.

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1982AK

The E/F/G/I draw proposed last season past thus ending 1982AK. My congratulations to Jack Jung, Terry Tallman, Ed Wrobel and Jeff Ellis. You almost made it Jeff! All the statistics for this game will be printed next issue, along with any endgame statements you people wish to send in.

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What's this? Some extra space that needs filling? Alright! This issue is a little late but that's tough. Sorry actually. Damn, I cut like hell to trim the size of this issue down, and it's still going to be 32 pages!

I played my first Civilization games in the last few days. Both were five player games. In the first one I was Assyria and was in the lead, but I miscalculated how much I needed to win and blew the game on a dumb purchase. In the second game I was Crete and was able to win. I believe Crete might have a slight advantage in CIV because its requirements are a little easier. Maybe not though, as they have other problems like being in the center of the board and getting off that damn island is a pain. Once off though, there are plenty of areas for them to create cities easily enough. Civilization is a really good game, its only drawback being that it takes six to ten hours to play a full game.

Well, yesterday was my birthday, and Ronnie hasn't declared war on Syria yet so maybe I was wrong. Then again, I haven't registered for the draft yet, so maybe he's still waiting. I'm going down to the Post Office to register tomorrow or Wednesday, we'll see what develops! It's kind've neat being 18, it sounds much more impressive than 17, but I basically feel the same as I did the day before.

I had no room for the Kingmaker report this issue, but it will be back next time.

So much for my yakking, hope you enjoyed the Bloom County cartoons!

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IS TO HANG AROUND
PEOPLE WHO DON'T
KNOW THE DIFFERENCE!

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